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Nylabone Sponsors Reunification of Retired Military Dog with Former Handler

NEPTUNE CITY, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Nylabone, an iconic brand in the Central Garden & Pet portfolio (NASDAQ: CENT) (NASDAQ: CENTA), partnered with American Humane to sponsor the reunification of a retired U.S. Air Force explosive detection dog with his former handler, a Senior Airman in the U.S. Air Force.

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The nine-year-old German Shepherd, Maci, reconnected with Senior Airman Hadiya in late May. This sponsorship helped pay for Maci's transportation to Oklahoma—where the pair began their new chapter together—as well as veterinarian services and subsequent care.

This reunification is the latest initiative between Nylabone and American Humane, which began partnering in 2018. In addition to supporting happy reunions between retired military dogs and their handlers, Nylabone's ongoing monetary and chew toy donations have also supported shelter dogs and the life-changing dogs training as service animals in American Humane's Pups4Patriots™ program.

"We're grateful for the unwavering dedication of military working dogs like Maci, who deserve to return from their service to a loving forever home," said Glen S. Axelrod, President and CEO of Nylabone Products. "It's an honor to help reunite these two heroes as they enjoy this next phase of life together."

Maci's journey home was facilitated by American Humane, a national non-profit organization dedicated to animal welfare. American Humane's reunification initiative streamlines the adoption process for retired military canines, ensuring a smooth transition back to civilian life. This includes handling all paperwork, funding the dog's transportation and appointing a dedicated American Humane escort, and providing lifetime veterinary care.

"We are so grateful to Nylabone for helping us reunite Maci and Senior Airman Hadiya," said Dr. Robin Ganzert, president and CEO of American Humane. "It is always an honor to help bring together military heroes on both ends of the leash, and after serving our country, they deserve our sincere appreciation and support."

Nylabone supports hundreds of additional local and national charities through the Nylabone Cares program. Committed to helping dogs find and stay in their forever homes, the program educates pet parents on why dogs chew and donates high-quality chew toys that promote healthy chewing habits. Nylabone's contribution supports Central Garden & Pet's Impact strategy, which is dedicated to making positive changes through philanthropic work, focusing on community health, employee well-being, and sustainability.

Learn more about the Nylabone Cares mission at <https://nylabone.com/about-us/nylabone-cares>.

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